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INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA PRIORITY

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SUBJ: GOI BAN ON AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS

REF: STATE 89875

1. WE SPOKE ON MAY 1ST TO CARLOS S. VEGEGA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UNDP. HE ADVISED US THAT UNDP IS VERY UPSET OVER GOI BAN ON AUTO IMPORTS, AND IS TAKING ACTION ON NUMBER OF FRONTS TO GET INDONESIANS TO REVERSE BAN.

2. ACCORDING TO BEGEWA, INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN JAKARTA INSTRUCTING HIM TAKE HARD LINE WITH INDONESIANS. HE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASK FOR INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO PERMIT VEHICLES ORDERED AND IN TRANSIT TO BE RELEASED TO UNDP PERSONNEL. FOR LONGER TERM, UNDP OF COURSE WANTS BAN TO BE LIFTED, BUT IS PREPARED TO BE SLIGHTLY MORE FLEXIBLE. VEGEGA STATES UNDP WOULD BE WILLING BUY LOCAL VEHICLES, BUT PRICE MUST BE COMPETITIVE, VEHICLES MUST BE TAX EXEMPT, AND DELIVERY CONDITIONS MUST BE SAME AS ON IMPORTED CARS, SINCE UNDP PERSONNEL MUST HAVE QUICK DELIVERY OF VEHICLES.

3. VEGEGA ADVISED FURTHER THAT QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED WITH INDONESIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK. HOWEVER, UNDP APPROACHES WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL. ONE INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED WAS MR. ARAFIN OF INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO WAS IN NEW YORK AT TIME.

4. VEGEGA IS LEAVING FOR AMSTERDAM FOR IGGI MEETING ON MAY 7TH.

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HE HOPES EXCHANGE IDEAS INFORMALLY WITH HIS COLLEAGUES TO SEE

WHAT CAN BE DONE NEXT. MEANWHILE, RUDOLPH PETERSON, UNDP
ADMINISTRATOR, IS GOING TO JAKARTA AND WILL BE THERE FROM
MAY 26TH TO JUNE 2ND. HE INTENDS RAISE MATTER AT HIGHEST LEVEL
OF INDONESIAN GOVT. IF MATTER HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED BY TIME HE
ARRIVES.

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